

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims to read as follows:

Listing of Claims

1-5. (Canceled).

6. (New) An ultrasonic diagnostic device for obtaining three-dimensional images by scanning sonic elements by driving an ultrasonic motor, the device comprising:

a speed control section that drives said ultrasonic motor at at least two different speeds;

a timer for measuring an accumulated driving time at a lowest speed among said at least two different speeds;

a determining section that determines whether or not said accumulated driving time exceeds a predetermined period of time, when a power switch of the ultrasonic diagnostic device has been turned OFF; and

a high-speed rotation instructing section that applies to said speed control section an instruction for driving said ultrasonic motor at a highest speed among said at least two different speeds when it has been determined by said determining section that said accumulated driving time exceeds the predetermined period of time.

7. (New) An ultrasonic diagnostic device for obtaining three-dimensional images by scanning sonic elements by driving an ultrasonic motor, the device comprising:

a speed control section that drives said ultrasonic motor at at least two different speeds;

a timer for measuring an accumulated driving time at a lowest speed among said at least two different speeds;

a determining section that determines whether or not said accumulated driving time exceeds a predetermined period of time, when a screen saver of a monitor for displaying said three-dimensional images has been turned ON; and

a high-speed rotation instructing section that applies to said speed control section an instruction for driving said ultrasonic motor at a highest speed among said at least two different speeds when it has been determined by said determining section that said accumulated driving time exceeds the predetermined period of time.

8. (New) An ultrasonic diagnostic device for obtaining three-dimensional images by scanning sonic elements by driving an ultrasonic motor, the device comprising:

a speed control section that drives said ultrasonic motor at at least two different speeds;

a timer for measuring an accumulated driving time at a lowest speed among said at least two different speeds;

a determining section that determines whether or not said accumulated driving time exceeds a predetermined period of time, when a power switch of the ultrasonic diagnostic device has been turned ON for the first time within one day; and

a high-speed rotation instructing section that applies to said speed control section an instruction for driving said ultrasonic motor at a highest speed among said at least two different speeds when it has been determined by said determining section that said accumulated driving time exceeds the predetermined period of time.

9. (New) An ultrasonic diagnostic device for obtaining three-dimensional images by scanning sonic elements by driving an ultrasonic motor, the device comprising:

a speed control section that drives said ultrasonic motor at at least two different speeds;

a timer for measuring an accumulated driving time at a lowest speed among said at least two different speeds;

a determining section that determines whether or not said accumulated driving time exceeds a predetermined period of time;

a selecting section that makes it possible that one of turning on or not a drive instruction at a lowest speed among said at least two different speeds can be selected when it has been determined by said determining section that said accumulated driving time exceeds the predetermined period of time; and

a high-speed rotation instructing section that applies to said speed control section an instruction for driving said ultrasonic motor at a highest speed among said at least two different speeds when turning on said drive instruction at said lowest speed has been selected using said selecting section.